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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced that a federal grand jury returned an eight-count indictment charging **Ryan Whiteoak**, a/k/a “Derrick,” **Brian Callahan**, a/k/a “Bobby,” **Christian Lysak**, a/k/a “Seth,” **David Rosenberg**, a/k/a “Petey,” a/k/a “PDX,” **Amy Ilnicki**, a/k/a “Nadia,” **Leah Murray**, a/k/a “Vivian,” **Brian Marr**, a/k/a “Lance,” **Ben Gaydos**, a/k/a “Ben,” a/k/a “Jim Patterson” and **Michael McCann**, a/k/a “Bruce,” **Jeff Cuellar**, a/k/a “Ollie,” **Michael Sanders**, a/k/a “Tim,” and **Stephen Breese**, a/k/a “Key,” with conspiracy to distribute more than 100 kilograms of marijuana for their participation in a marijuana home delivery service throughout Center City, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The indictment alleges that Whiteoak headed an organization referred to as the Whiteoak Marijuana Organization (“WMO”), and that he employed telephone dispatchers to receive marijuana orders and used bicycle couriers to deliver the marijuana to customers’ residences. Count One of the indictment charges that the WMO was in existence for almost five years, from January 1, 1999, to November 3, 2003. The indictment charges that the WMO operated by providing customers with a pager number which they could contact by inputting a previously assigned PIN (personal identification number). Dispatchers would call back the customers and inform them that a courier would be at their residences within a specified amount of time. Shortly thereafter, a bicycle courier would arrive at the residence, deliver the marijuana, and receive the proceeds from the customer. The defendants used street names, not their real names, when communicating with each other on cellular phones and with customers.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Ryan Whiteoak	Philadelphia, PA	32 years old
Brian Callahan	Bridgeton, NJ	28 years old
Christian Lysak	Philadelphia, PA	33 years old
David Rosenberg	Philadelphia, PA	30 years old
Amy Ilnicki	Philadelphia, PA	28 years old

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NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Leah Murray	Philadelphia, PA	29 years old
Michael McCann	Philadelphia, PA	30 years old
Brian Marr	Philadelphia, PA	28 years old
Michael Sanders	Philadelphia, PA	31 years old
Ben Gaydos	Philadelphia, PA	26 years old
Stephen Breese	Philadelphia, PA	25 years old

If convicted the defendants face a mandatory minimum of 5 years incarceration up to a maximum possible sentence of 40 years incarceration, a minimum of two years of supervised release up to lifetime supervised release, fines and special assessments.

The case was investigated by Drug Enforcement Administration and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Daniel A. Vélez.

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